



TOWN OF VERNON

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'Virtual' Regular Meeting
Vernon Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Shaun Gately
Economic Development Director

Zoom Meeting Information

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1. **Call to Order:** A 'virtual' meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 7:34 am by Vice-Chairman Bill Breslau. Additional members present on the call were Commissioners Jim Sendrak, Jeff Adamson, Jordan Coe, Bruce Kloter. Commissioner Bill McGurk entered the meeting at 7:47 am.
2. **Public Forum:** There was no one present for the Public Forum.
3. **Approval of Minutes- 9/8/2020:** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2020 by Commissioner Adamson. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McGurk. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Economic Development Status Update:** Mr. Gately provided a brief update on the following projects:
 - Amerbelle Mill
 - 206 Talcottville Rd. (ProHealth)
 - Planning Update - Tabled.
 - Golf Land renovation
 - 274 Talcottville
 - New Athletic Fields
5. **New Business:**
 - **COVID recovery update** – Mr. Gately informed the commission that the state is in Phase III of recovery. The Town continues to meet weekly to discuss strategies for assisting residents and businesses of Vernon during this time.
6. **Old Business:**
 - **2022 POCD update** – Commissioner Breslau led the Commission through four (4) of the five (5) questions posed by the Town Planner via a Questionnaire for Town Commissions, which was sent by email on September 8, 2020 to Commission members. The questions were as follows:

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1.) Generally, and in brief, what are the three to five most important planning, conservation and/or development issues facing Vernon from your board/commission's specific perspective, area of expertise and/or governance?

2.) Thinking about land use, what would you like to see change in Vernon over the next 10-20 years?

3.) Thinking about your respective board/ commission's charge, what are your top 3 objectives for the next several years?

4.) What strategies would your board/ commission need to work on to achieve those top 3 objectives?

Discussion took place. Commissioner Breslau suggested that the final question be addressed at the next regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission on November 10, 2020.

7. **Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses:** Mr. Gately provided an update to the Commission on the following ribbon cuttings:

- Get Fresh Laundromat
- Ocean State Job Lot
- Expansion of MCM Fundraising
- Closing on the Ellington/Vernon Athletic Fields

8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Breslau and seconded by Commissioner Sendrak. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie S. Campolongo
Project Coordinator